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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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FOLL SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM SECSTATE 21 MAR 73 REPEATED TO YOU
QUOTE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, IN, BG

SUBJ: REPORTED STORY ON US MINES IN CHITTAGONG HARBOR

REF: CALCUTTA 488; DAO MESSAGE 20 MARCH

1. IF ACCURACY OF PRESS ACCOUNT CONFIRMED, EMBASSY
AUTHORIZED TO ADVISE GOI THAT CLOSEST US NAVY UNITS WERE
TO CHITTAGONG WAS APPROXIMATELY 720 MILES (OR ROUGHLY
12 TH PARALLEL). AS THIS DISTANCE IS GREATER THAN RANGE FOR
AERIAL MINING OPERATIONS BY FLEET AIRCRAFT, THERE NO
PRACTICAL WAY US COULD HAVE MINED CHITTAGONG HARBOR.

2. KNOW YOU WILL ALSO POINT OUT THAT THIS KIND OF
UNFOUNDED ALLEGATION IS NOT HELPFUL TO PROCESS OF
DEVELOPING MORE SATISFACTORY RELATIONS.

3. FYI: WE NOTE THAT HINDUSTAN STANDARD HAS FREQUENTLY
BEEN UNRELIABLE JOURNAL IN PAST. MOREOVER, TEXT AS
PROVIDED BY CALCUTTA 488 MAKES IT SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR AS TO
WHAT MRS. GANDHI IS AGREEING. END FYI.

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4. MESSAGE RECEIVED BY ACTION OFFICES OPENING BUSINESS
OCTOBER 20 AFTER 10:30 AM GMT MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE. ROGERS
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